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Dear Barry:

I am glad to hear you are expanding in microbial genetics. As an assistant professorial possibility I could suggest Dr. Gaylen Bradley. I think the enclosed vita would be self-explanatory. As I hope to see you in New York in about two weeks, I could give you any further details or suggestions then. Sussman can give you more information on Bradley, especially as a teacher.

Bradley is still a rather young, I would say almost charmingly unsophisticated fellow, and has done a creditable job on his research here on the genetics of actinomycetes. I don't think he will strike you as flashingly brilliant, but he does produce ideas and reliable experiments in his steady fashion over the long pull and I have no hesitation in recommending him to you.

Till I see you,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg